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During the recent Communist occupation of Liaoyang (41-16, 123-12), the rumor circulated there that MAO Tse-tung had been seized by the Soviets and removed to the USSR because of his refusal to follow Soviet dictates. This rumor is believed to have no basis whatsoever but it was widely circulated in Communist-held territory. Communist propaganda at Liaoyang was materially altered. The general tone of all comment was "China for the Chinese and no interference in China policy by the United States or Russia". Formerly all propaganda was directed against the United States and nothing but praise was given the USSR.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. This report is consistent with other rumors of a rift between the USSR and the Chinese Communists. Rumors reached Mukden early this summer that one main reason for the delay in the spring Communist offensive in the Northeast was the disagreements on military policy between the pro-USSR Chinese Communists and the independent group headed by MAO Tse-tung.)

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. It is possible that this information will be reported elsewhere from the same source, with the resulting possibility of false confirmation.)

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